

REMARKS

The present application currently has 22 claims pending, Claims 1-12 and 15-24. Claims 1 and 24 are independent claims.

Restriction/Election:

Restriction was required between the following claims:

Group I: Claims 1-12 and 23 drawn to a device for thermoforming an object; and

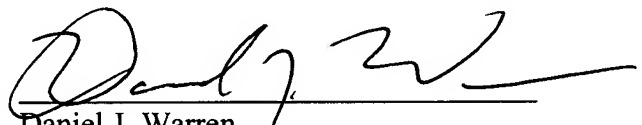
Group II: Claims 15-22 and 24 drawn to a method of thermoforming an object.

The Applicant elects the Group I claims, Claims 1-12 and 23 drawn to a device for thermoforming an object, without traverse. The Applicant submits, however, that rejoinder may be appropriate once a common technical feature found in both groups is determined to be patentable. PCT Rule 13.2.

CONCLUSION

Allowance of all claims is respectfully solicited. Any questions may be directed to the undersigned at (404) 853-8028.

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